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1. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO ICNAF MEETING IN OTTAWA WILL
BE LED BY AMBASSADOR EVENSEN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND WILL
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INCLUDE KJELL RASSOK OF MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND PER
MIETLE OF DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES IN BERGEN.

2. EVENSEN HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR NEW YORK, BUT DELEGATION

WILL MEET THERE EARLY NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS NORWEGIAN POSITIONS FOR ICNAF MEETING IN OTTAWA. RAASOK ADVISES THAT NORWAY WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT SCIENTIFICALLY JUSTIFIABLE OVERALL QUOTA REDUCTION BUT ANTICIPATES FURTHER DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN SOVIET (10 PERCENT REDUCTION) AND US (25 PERCENT REDUCTION) ON SIZE OF THIS QUOTA. RASSOK'S INCLINATION IS TO SEEK COMPROMISE, AND HE STILL CONSIDERS NORWAY SHOULD AVOID TOO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ANY DISAGREEMENT ON FISHING IN SA-5 AND SA-6 SINCE NORWEGIAN FISHING THERE IS MINIMAL. RASSOK ALSO ANTICIPATES DIFFICULTY IN ALLOCATION OF ANY REDUCED OVERALL QUOTA WITH HERRING FISHING COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, CLAIMING THAT THEIR BYCATCH IS NEGLIGIBLE. ENFORCEMENT MEASURES WILL BE ANOTHER STICKING POINT AS IN COPENHAGEN. US PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL (REFTEL) GIVEN NORWAY NO DIFFICULTY.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPT MAY WISH TO CONTACT EVENSEN THROUGH NORWEGIAN EMBASSY OR NORWEGIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK AND DISCUSS MEETING WITH HIM BEFORE HE MEETS WITH RASSOK. (RASSOK IS LEAVING FOR NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 12). EVENSEN IS NEW TO AND REASONABLY OPEN MINDED ON ICNAF ISSUES, IS CONCERNED WITH STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL CONTROL REGIME OVER FISHERIES, AND IS INTERESTED IN SUCCESS OF ICNAF MEETING BECAUSE OF DISASTROUS EFFECT FAILURE COULD HAVE ON LOS CONFERENCE. BYRNE

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